

Adeline Macrum, who is a national officer and who has not only had considerable experience in organization work but who has also been a Group Chairman, to act as liaison officer for the Groups. Miss Macrum

has graciously consented to do this, and I feel confident that her capable guidance will accelerate the steady growth of Group accomplishment.

ALMA C. MITCHILL, *President.*

From the Editor's Point of View

Our Professional Preparation

THE question of the best education for the special librarian is a subject of continued interest — so much so that the A.L.A. Professional Training Section devoted much of its program at Kansas City to a discussion of this topic. Among the speakers were library school directors and special librarians. The Chairman of the Section and the Editor of the A.L.A. *Bulletin* graciously offered the papers presented there for publication in *SPECIAL LIBRARIES*. Because of this coöperation, we have the good fortune to print the articles by Miss Savord, Miss Howe and Miss Armstrong, and the discussion of them by Miss Morley.

The serious thought now given to educational preparation gives great promise for the future. A constructive step was the study, "Problems Involved in Considering Adequate Library School Courses for Special Libraries," written by Miss Morley and printed in the May-June issue of *SPECIAL LIBRARIES*. This was reprinted so that copies could be distributed to library schools. Additional copies were also distributed with a questionnaire compiled by a subcommittee of the Committee on Training and Recruiting. This subcommittee, under the direction of Mr. Henkle, Director, Simmons College, School of Library Science, is gathering material helpful in defining the subjects essential in the education of special librarians. Prompt response from those who have been asked to coöperate is necessary for adequate data. S.L.A. has been successful in securing the pronounced interest of many library school

directors and we are fortunate in the special attention that Mr. Henkle is giving this problem.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES as a Record of Progress

AT THE Pittsburgh Convention the question of space in *SPECIAL LIBRARIES* for news notes was discussed. This point had been questioned in a "Letter to the Editor" in December. The Editor discussed the question in a January editorial, stating that news notes would be omitted from the magazine until the members expressed a desire for their continuance. The members failed to express this desire until the June Convention, when the Editor was pleased to discover that they shared her own views — that *SPECIAL LIBRARIES* through its news notes should provide a record of the growth of the special library movement in the country. Only undue modesty had prevented this expression of opinion before!

Since the Association voted unanimously for inclusion of news notes as a regular feature, this department will be resumed in the October issue of the magazine. At that time we hope to print a summary of the most important changes January through September 1938. Chapter, Group and Committee activities for 1937-38 will not be noted in this summary, as they have already been covered in the interesting reports in the *Proceedings*. What we hope to include are notes of changes in special libraries, new developments, and shifts in personnel. In order to make this report comprehensive, will every reader of the magazine coöperate in supplying news?